

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 8637

Petition of GMPSolar - Panton, LLC, for a certificate of)
public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing)
the installation and operation of a 4.90 MW solar electric)
generation facility off Panton Road in Panton, Vermont,)
to be known as the "GMPSolar Panton Project")
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Order entered: 1/15/2016

PROCEDURAL ORDER RE: SCHEDULE

On December 8, 2015, I held a prehearing conference in this matter. During that prehearing conference, the parties presented an agreed-upon scheduling proposal which was premised on the site visit and public hearing being held the week of January 4, 2016. Ultimately, the site visit and public hearing were scheduled for January 12, 2016, because it was not possible to conduct the site visit and public hearing the week of January 4th. Accordingly, I established a limited schedule which set the date for the site visit and public hearing, as well as deadlines for filing and responding to motions to intervene in this proceeding. I also directed the parties to confer with each other in an attempt to submit another joint scheduling proposal that was reflective of those dates.¹

On January 11, 2016, GMPSolar - Panton, LLC ("GMPSP") filed what it represented was a consensus scheduling proposal for the balance of this proceeding. Based on GMPSP's representation that no other party to the proceeding objects to the proposal filed on January 11, 2016, I establish the following schedule for this proceeding:²

Event	Date
Rolling discovery on Petitioner by ANR, DPS, and Town of Panton begins	January 15, 2016

1. Docket 8637, Order of 12/31/15 at 1-2.

2. The site visit and public hearing were held on January 12, 2016, as scheduled.

Deadline for motions to intervene	January 19, 2016
Responses to motions to intervene	January 26, 2016
Rolling discovery on Petitioner by intervenors begins	Date of order on intervention, if motion is granted
Petitioner responses to rolling discovery requests	7 calendar days after receipt of request
Rolling discovery on Petitioner by DPS, ANR, and Town of Panton ends	February 10, 2016
Rolling discovery from intervenors ends	February 22, 2016
Filing of stipulations, if any	March 14, 2016
If stipulations filed, technical hearing	Week of March 21, 2016
Non-petitioners file direct testimony	March 23, 2016
Discovery on non-petitioners' direct testimony	March 30, 2016
Replies to discovery	April 11, 2016
Technical hearing with live rebuttal	Week of April 18, 2016 (tentative)
Parties to file schedule for post-hearing briefs	Date of technical hearing

I note that the parties have proposed a technical hearing the week of March 21, 2016, in the event that stipulations are filed by March 14, 2016. In order for the technical hearing to be held that week, it is necessary for there to be one or more stipulations that settle all issues raised by the petition in this matter. In the event any issues remain contested or otherwise unresolved, the technical hearing will not be scheduled or noticed for a date that week. If partial settlements are filed on March 14, 2016, they will be considered during the technical hearing to be scheduled for the week of April 18, 2016.

If the parties do reach a complete settlement of this matter and file a stipulation or stipulations to that effect, then any supplemental testimony from GMPSP or direct testimony from other parties in support of the negotiated settlement shall be filed coincident with the filing of any such stipulations.

Additionally, the parties have proposed the week of April 18, 2016, for a technical hearing in the event the case does not settle. While all reasonable efforts will be made to

accommodate the parties' proposal, it is possible that an existing matter may prevent the scheduling of a technical hearing that week. Accordingly, the week of April 18, 2016, is marked as "tentative" in the schedule above. It will be necessary to revisit this question in the event parties are unable to settle this proceeding by the March 14, 2016, deadline.

Lastly, if GMPSP intends to present live rebuttal testimony at the technical hearing, it must file with the Board and serve on the parties a list of the witnesses it intends to present during live rebuttal with a brief summary description of the issues each witness will address. Any such list must be filed and served no later than seven calendar days prior to the date of the technical hearing.

So ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 15th day of January, 2016.

s/John J. Cotter
John J. Cotter, Esq.
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: January 15, 2016

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Acting Clerk of the Board

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